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Jeff S. Jordan  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan:

A quick reply to the diatribe of Eli Mason, listener. **Re: MUR 5090**

In his first paragraph, he claims that I made a "surprising trashing attack" on Al Gore – (at about 1pm)

In his pivotal second paragraph, he claims that I, "... during a typical newscast program.." said unkind things about leading Democrats.

In his third paragraph, Mason declares himself aware of First Amendment Rights.

The facts are these:

I do a daily commentary on WCBS-AM, in New York, at approximately 1:22 PM, Mon – Fri. I am not on-air at 1 PM. The scripts of those commentaries are available for you and for the world to see, on the WCBS880.com web site. You'll see that the commentaries range a truly wide array of topics. They are solely my freely expressed opinions and observations. They are generally, though not always politically conservative in nature.

When broadcast, each commentary is clearly labeled on-air as "Comment and Analysis" when introducing it. Moreover, there is a disclaimer immediately following the commentaries stating that "the opinions expressed are not those of WCBS, its management... etc."

Lastly, if you know anything at all about CBS, you know how unlikely it is that I would be directed to say anything in a commentary.

Eli Mason appears to be attempting to find someone, anyone, to help quash opinions with which he disagrees. His awareness and appreciation of First Amendment Rights is clearly found wanting.

If the Federal Election Commission has need of any further discourse, please contact the CBS legal department.

Sincerely:

  
Harley Carnes

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